

**Minutes of the Jasper Community Arts Commission  
City of Jasper, Indiana  
February 3, 2009**

The regular meeting of the Jasper Community Arts Commission was held at 4:30 pm on Tuesday, February 3, 2009, at the Jasper Arts Center. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and then roll call was held with the following **Commission Members Present:** Norma Kreilein, Robin Norris, Doug Abbett, Mickey Seger, Michael Jones, Judy Lautzenhiser, Kendall Martin, Pat Thyen, and Don Weisheit. **Commission Members Absent:** Greg Stoner, and Ann Hilgefort. **Staff Members Present:** Kit Miracle, Doreen Lechner, and Kelley Leuck. **Regional Services Coordinator:** Jill Watson. **City Attorney:** Sandy Hemmerlein. **Guests in attendance:** Mayor William Schmitt, City Councilman Tom Schmidt, Don Routson, Elizabeth Hollinden, Dana Kuntz, and Herald Reporter Kasey Hawrysz.

**Nominating Committee**

Robin Norris stated that she had been nominated for Vice President and Don Weisheit had been nominated for Secretary. There were no further nominations from the floor for President. **Pat Thyen** made a motion to close the nominations for Vice President and Secretary. **Kendall Martin** seconded. Motion passed 8-0. All in attendance were in favor of Robin Norris for Vice President, and Don Weisheit for Secretary, 8-0.

*Note: at 4:37 p.m. Doug Abbett arrived for the meeting.*

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**Robin Norris moved** to approve the minutes of the January meeting. **Pat Thyen** seconded. Motion passed 9-0.

**City Financial Statement**

**Kendall Martin** moved to approve the financial statement. **Robin Norris** seconded. Motion passed 9-0.

**City Claims and Regional Partnership Grant Claims**

City claims in the amount of \$14,826.34 were presented. Regional Partnership Grant claims in the amount of \$1,250.00 were presented. After conclusion of discussion, it was moved by **Kendall Martin** to accept the claims as presented. **Robin Norris** seconded. Motion passed 9-0.

**PUBLIC BUSINESS**

The Mayor and Councilman Tom Schmidt presented Don Routson with a pottery piece made by Tom Schum in appreciation for his years on the board.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Director's Report/Performing Arts**

Kit reported.

- An Da Union was here the week of January 26<sup>th</sup>. They performed at city hall and at the Jasper Middle School. They were unable to do any more school shows due to the weather. They did perform at the Dome in West Baden, Memorial Hospital and Donna Scheper's house. Kit stated that they may be able to return in March to go to the schools again. **Doug Abbett** made a motion to look into bringing An Da Union back in the spring. **Pat Thyen** seconded. Motion passed 9-0.
- Kit and Donna attended the APAP conference last month. The performing arts committee has met and has tentatively selected a performers series of shows for the 09/10 season. They are still working on the Backstage and Family Series.
- The tentative state budget has been released. It proposes to cut the IAC budget in half. Kit urged everyone to write or email local legislators to voice disapproval of the budget.
- Planning has begun for Chalkwalk. Kit requested approval to seek quotes for the brochure and tshirts. **Don Weisheit** made a motion to let Kit pursue the quotes. **Pat Thyen** seconded. Motion passed 9-0.

- Kit stated that she was contacted by Dana Kuntz, a teacher at Jasper High School. She proposed having a high school student do an internship at the arts center. Elizabeth Hollinden is interested in pursuing a degree in art. After discussion with Dana, **Kendall Martin** made a motion to go forward with the internship. **Robin Norris** seconded. Motion passed 9-0.
- Kit requested to partner with ACT again this summer for Missoula Children's Theatre. This will occur during summer ARTventures. **Pat Thyen** made a motion to partner with ACT. **Doug Abbett** seconded. Motion passed 9-0.

### **Building & Structures Report**

Doreen reported.

- Sandy Hemmerlein opened quotes for the new audio mixer. Four quotes were requested. Jasper Music Center declined to submit a quote. Concept Sound had a price of \$4717; Hometown Music; \$5990 and Lakeside Media; \$5249. After discussion, **Norma Kreilein** made a motion to accept the quote from Concept Sound. **Judy Lautzenhiser** seconded. Motion passed 9-0.
- Doreen stated that DBA Acoustics has given her a price of \$2000 for its consulting fee. After discussion **Robin Norris** made a motion to hire DBA, pending contract approval and the addition of a set date to finish the work (30 days from signing the contract). **Kendall Martin** seconded. Motion passed 9-0.
- Doreen requested permission to seek quotes for new speakers. **Pat Thyen** made the motion, **Doug Abbett** seconded. Motion passed 9-0.

### **Education Report**

Kit reported for Donna.

- Tricia Walker was in the schools on January 16<sup>th</sup>. She talked with the history and music students. She also had a Backstage performance.
- An Da Union was able to perform at the Jasper Middle school but was unable to go to any of the other schools due to the weather.

### **Visual Arts Report**

Kit reported for Amy.

- The Tom Lundquist exhibit was successful. He did workshops in the high school for the art students. Approximately 75 people attended his gallery talk and reception.
- Constance Ehrlich's *Toys on Vacation* is now on display.
- Winter art classes start next week.
- Kit requested to change the next film series movie to "Spirited Away". It is a Japanese anime film. People who come in costume will get in free. **Doug Abbett** made a motion to change the film. **Judy Lautzenhiser** seconded. Motion passed 9-0.

### **Region 11 Report**

Jill reported.

- Jill gave each board member the final grant amounts. These amounts reflect the budget cuts from the state. **Judy Lautzenhiser** made a motion to accept these amounts. **Don Weisheit** seconded. Motion passed 9-0.
- Jill stated that 23 people attended the photography workshop.
- The Individual Artists grants were due yesterday.

*Note: At 5:30 p.m. Pat Thyen left the meeting.*

### **Old Business**

- Mike advised that he would be contacting everyone on the fundraising committee by email to set up the next meeting. Juanita Boehm and Sandy Hemmerlein will be invited to attend also.
- Mike handed out the completed City Council Meeting signup sheet.

**New Business**

- Mike encouraged the new board members to sign up to join a committee.
- Mike passed out Daniel Rodriguez flyers to everyone.

**Adjournment**

**Don Weisheit** made a motion to adjourn at 5:40 p.m. **Kendall Martin** seconded. Motion passed 8-0.

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**Mike Jones**

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**Attested**